



**SELECTED HEALTH INDICATORS CONCERNING LIVE BIRTHS
CALIFORNIA, 1993 - 2003
(BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE)**



HEALTH INDICATOR	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Births	584,483	567,034	551,226	538,628	524,174	521,265	518,073	531,285	527,371	529,245	540,827
Birth Rate ¹	18.3	17.6	17.1	16.6	15.9	15.6	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.0	15.1
Teen Birth Rate - <15 ^a	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
Teen Birth Rate - 15-19 ^a	67.0	65.5	62.9	58.2	53.8	50.9	48.5	46.7	43.7	40.6	38.9
Percent Low Birthweight ²	6.0	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.6
Percent Very Low Birthweight ²	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2
Percent Prenatal Care in First Trimester ²	76.8	77.7	79.0	80.6	81.8	82.4	83.6	84.5	85.4	86.5	87.3
Percent Late or No Prenatal Care ²	5.0	4.9	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.5
Percent of Mothers with 12+ Years of Education ²	65.0	65.2	66.0	66.5	67.8	69.0	69.6	70.2	70.3	71.2	71.9
Percent Cesarean Births ²	21.3	20.8	20.6	20.6	21.0	21.7	22.7	23.4	25.1	26.8	27.9
Percent Unmarried ²	35.1	35.6	32.1	31.4	33.0 ^b	32.8	32.9	32.7	32.7	33.0	33.5
Percent Hispanic Mothers ²	45.0	45.6	46.2	47.4	47.7	47.8	48.4	48.8	49.8	50.1	50.4
Percent Foreign Born Mothers ²	44.8	44.5	44.5	45.3	44.9	44.0 ^c	44.6 ^c	45.7 ^c	46.3 ^c	46.5 ^c	46.3 ^c
Infant Mortality Rate	6.8	7.0	6.3	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	*

¹ 1993-2002 Population: E-2 Reports, Population Estimates for California State and Counties. 2003 Population: Population Estimates for California State and Counties, Report E-2, February 2004. Population data for 2003 are provisional.

² Unknown cases were subtracted from totals before percentages were calculated.

^a 1993-1996 Population: 1990-1999 Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex detail, May 2004. 2000-2003 Population: 2000-2050 Race/Ethnic Population Projections with Age and Sex Detail, May 2004.

^b Starting in 1997 marital status was no longer inferred. Due to this change there were 16,712 cases in 1997 coded unknown.

^c Due to changes in data collection methods, unknowns increased in 1998 and have remained higher than in earlier years.

Note: Birth rate is per 1,000 population; teen rates are per 1,000 females of specified ages.

Low birthweight is under 2,500 grams; very low birthweight is under 1,500 grams.

Late prenatal care is that beginning in the third trimester.

* Infant mortality rate is deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. 2003 rate will be available when mortality file is complete.

Source: Population Data: State of California, Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit.

State of California, Department of Health Services, Birth and Death Records.